

Family

Deaths

Steven Oliver Warner

Steven Oliver Warner, 58, Great Bend, son-in-law of Velma Rasmussen of Colby, died Monday, March 28, 2011, at the Great Bend Regional Hospital.

He was born Sept. 2, 1952, in St. Louis, the son of Kenneth Morris and Rubye Estes (Young) Warner.

On June 21, 1975, he married Cindy Rasmussen of Colby. They lived in St. Louis before moving to Great Bend in 1983, where he was an accountant and rental manager for Harper Builders.

A long-time member of Trinity Lutheran Church, he was attending Grace Community Church in Great Bend at the time of his death. He was a member of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce and enjoyed time with his family, his computer, photography, snorkeling, playing basketball and finding deals. He helped coach his children's sports teams and helped start the Golden Belt Lightning Bolts, a youth track team.

He was preceded in death by his mother, two sisters-in-law, Pat Warner and Laurie Warner, and his father-in-law, Vic Rasmussen.

Survivors also include his wife, of the home; his father, Great Bend; two sons, Kevin (Stephanie) Warner, Glenwood Springs, Colo., and Jeremy (Megan) Warner, Kansas City, Kan.; a daughter, Diane (Jeremy) Guthrie, Great Bend; three brothers, Gregory (Trudy) Warner, St. Louis; Mark (Linda) Warner, Chicago; and Matthew (Kathy) Warner, Toledo, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 1, 2011, at the church, with Pastor Roy Savage officiating.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the family receiving friends from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Orphan Grain Train, a Lutheran charity, or the Central Kansas Christian Academy, in care of the funeral home, 1425 Patton Road, Great Bend, Kan., 67530.

Condolences may be sent to www.bryantfh.net.

Small steps help build big savings

Saving, whether for an emergency fund, a vacation or a down payment for a car or home, is always a struggle. Here are some tips to help you spend wisely and make the most of your hard-earned dollars.



Diann Gerstner

• Knowledge for Life

General
Set a long-term goal, then just focus on a short-term goal that will let you attain your long-term goal. For example, focus on setting aside \$20 each week or month, rather than the long-term goal of \$200 a year. I save more successfully when I keep the short-term goal in sight. The long-term goal can seem overwhelming at times.

Never buy expensive items on impulse. Think over each big purchase for at least 24 hours. Acting on this principle will mean you have far fewer regrets about impulse purchases, and far more in emergency savings.

Use debit and credit cards prudently. To minimize interest charges, try to limit credit-card purchases to those you can pay off at the end of each month. If you use a debit card, don't rely on an overdraft feature to spend money you don't have.

I write down each debit card transaction in my check register as if it were a check. It just doesn't have a check number. This lets me keep track of exactly how much I have in my account.

Save your loose change. Putting aside fifty cents a day over a year will allow you to save \$182.50.

Food
Bring lunch to work. If eating lunch out costs \$7, but making lunch at home costs only \$2.50, then in a year, you could afford to create a \$500 emergency fund and still have money left over.

Eat out one less time each month. If it costs you \$25 to eat out, but only \$5 to eat in, then the \$20 you save each month adds up to \$240 for the year.

Purchase store-brand foods. Most taste as good and are similar quality as the name-brand prod-

ucts and can save you hundreds of dollars over a year's time.

Shop for food with a list and stick to it. People who shop with a list, and buy little else, spend much less than those who decide what to buy when they get to the market. The annual savings could easily be hundreds of dollars.

Banking
Keep track of your checking account to avoid bouncing checks and the associated fees. The \$20 to \$30 you save by not bouncing one check a month would save you \$240 to \$360 a year.

Reduce credit card debt by \$1,000. That debt reduction will probably save you \$150-200 a year and much more if you're paying penalty rates of 20-30 percent.

Make your monthly credit card payment on time. The \$30 to \$35 you save by not being charged a late fee each month will save you \$360 to \$420 a year.

Use only the ATMs of your bank or credit union. Using the ATM of another financial institution once a week could well cost you \$3 a withdrawal or more than \$150 over the course of a year.

For information on budgeting and family finances, stop by the Thomas County Extension Office at 350 S. Range, Suite 16, in the Thomas County Office Complex, or call (785) 460-4582.

Diann Gerstner is the family and consumer sciences agent for the Thomas County Extension office.

Babies

Baylen Joseph Finley

Baylen Joseph Finley, son of Jason and Marci Finley of Goodland, was born Thursday, March 24, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 6.6 pounds and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Welcoming him home were sister Peyton and brother Teylon.

Grandparents are Bill and Jackie Finley of Goodland and Mike and Belinda Bayson of Bird City. Great-grandparents are Nyla Finley and Brenda Moss of Goodland, Darlene Burr of Bird City and Dolly Bayson of Atwood.



Baylen Finley

Baylee Renee Wagoner



Baylee W.

Baylee Renee Wagoner, daughter of Aaron and Raya Wagoner of Sharon Springs, was born Friday, March 25, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Brother Tyler welcomed the baby home. Grandparents are Victor and Brenda Mazanec of Colby and Verlan and Ronda Wagoner of Sharon Springs.

Are blood drives draw a surplus of donors

At the Red Cross blood drive here Tuesday and Wednesday, March 22 and 23, the goal was to have 100 donors the first day and 60 the second. Volunteers reported 107 and 59 who actually gave blood, including 19 first-time donors the first day and 21 the second.

The Colby High School National Honor Society helped out both days and also recruited donors, said Bev Vaughn, Red Cross blood drive coordinator in Colby.

The two-day drives were begun in January to reduce waiting time for donors, she said. The next drive in Colby will be from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 26. Thirty-two volunteers are needed to help with the drive; call Vaughn at 462-3861 or 443-1467.

Goodland High School had a community blood drive on Thursday, with 75 donations, including 27 first-time donors, Vaughn said.

Golden Plains Middle School

Here is the Golden Plains Middle School honor roll for the third quarter. Superintendent's honor roll is for those with a 4.0 (straight A) grade average, while the principal's honor roll is for those with at least a 3.0 (B) average.

Superintendent's
Eighth Grade: Rebecca Bange, Joseph Koerperich.

Seventh Grade: Kami Miller.
Sixth Grade: Morgan Ritter, Gabrielle Schiltz.

Principal's
Eighth Grade: Ana Bermudez, Shania Finlay, Lucas Hapke, Rachael Ritter, Taylor Ann Todd, Brooke Wark.

Seventh Grade: Tayler Petersen, Brianna Stoll, Madison Walz, Kade Wessel, Koi Wessel, Cole Ziegelmeier.

Sixth Grade: Jesus Aragon, Nicholas Brown, Arianna Camacho, Jessica Koerperich, Austin Rivera, William Sauvage, Kellee Snyder, Dawson Spresser.

Square Dance

Steve Hackman will call the squares for the Shooting Stars Square Dance Club from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at the Roosevelt Elementary School, 2000 MacArthur, in Hays.

All are welcome. Refreshments will be by Pot o' Gold.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$7.32
Corn (bushel)	\$6.00
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.33
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.31

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

ELECT

Cindi Kriss

VOTE April 4

THOMAS COUNTY TREASURER

I am the co-owner of CK Lumber with over 20 years of accounting experience including a CPA designation. Please write in Cindi Kriss on the ballot and be sure to put a checkmark by the name. I appreciate your consideration.

Lenten Seafood Buffet

— Fridays during Lent —

Featuring a large selection of seafood

785-462-6565

Your New Neighbor!

I have just recently moved to Fairview and I'm very comfortable living here. Meals are adequate with friendly and cooperative staff. My needs are well taken care of. Would love to see a knitting activity started.

Joan Freise

Fairview Estates Retirement Community
Independent & Assisted Living
1630 Sewell Ave. • Colby, KS • (785) 462-2154

VOTE

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Gary Adrian

for MAYOR

To serve and work for Colby and promote a proud community.

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Gary Adrian Campaign, Jerri Zwiggardt, Treasurer

Send local news to colby.society@nwkansas.com

Colby Community College Endowment Foundation

Pride of the Prairie

Scholarship Benefit Auction

Saturday, April 2, 2011

Comfort Inn Convention Center

LISTED BELOW ARE A FEW OF THE ITEMS DONATED:

Bankwest.....	46" RCA LCD Flat Screen TV	McDonald's.....	Extra Value Meal Once a Week for a Year and Happy Meal Once a Week for a Year
Beaver Valley Supply and The Great Outdoors.....	Rhythm Musical Motion Clock	NW Kansas Telecommunications.....	Pink Phone
Ben-Lee Processing.....	\$25 Gift Certificate	Owens True Value Hardware.....	Variable Speed Reversing Drill
Big Ed's Steakhouse.....	\$75 Gift Certificate	Park Hill Two.....	2 Mexican Dinners
Bumper-to-Bumper Auto Parts.....	Battery Charger	Personal Touch.....	Personal Beauty Package
Carefree Gardener Inc.....	Watering Weedless Wonder	Rasure Lumber.....	Framed Print
Carolyn May.....	Week Stay Branson Condo	Riverside Recreation.....	4 - 18 Hole Green Fee and 2 Carts
Carousel.....	One Month of Tanning	Rocking M Radio.....	Country Stampede Tickets & 100 - 30 second Spots
Colby Bowl.....	Family Night Out	S&T Communications.....	\$500 in Advertising
Colby Women's League.....	Wine Basket with Dinner for 4 at Big Ed's	Schultz's Ltd.....	\$75 Gift Certificate
Cynthia Dixon.....	Arbuckle Coffee Basket	Scott and Kris Cameron.....	Necklace & Bracelet Set
Ed and Pam Geihlsler.....	X-Box 360 with Kinect Sensor and Kinect Games	Swartz Veterinary Hospital.....	2 Animal Checkups and Rabies Vaccinations
Edward Jones.....	Coleman Camping Set	Thomas County Speedway.....	2 Season Passes to Thomas Co Speedway
Gavon's Electronics.....	4 Talking Picture Frames and Neon Fashion Phone	Tina Harris Physical Therapy.....	30 Minute Massage
Goodland Greenline.....	John Deere Barn Set & Hat	Uptown Style.....	"Be Sweet to You Skin" A Series of 6 Sugar Cane Peels
Horfacher Jewelers.....	Australian Opal Necklace and Earring Set	Vision Source.....	Vogue Sunglasses
Krien Pharmacy.....	2 Yankee Candles	Western State Bank.....	John Deere Wagon
Made of Iron.....	Wheat Sculpture	Woolter Construction & Irrigation.....	Surf and Turf - 1 Case 12 oz KC Strips and 2 Boxes of Fan Tail Butterfly Shrimp
McCarty Dairy.....	Whole Beef Processed at Ben-Lee Processing		
Northwest KS Physical Therapy.....	30 Minute Massage		

For Reservations Call: (785) 460-4684

Tickets still available

\$35 per person or \$250 for corporate table of 8

Doors Open 4:45 p.m. • Buffet Dinner 5:30 p.m. • Live Auction 7 p.m.